

Leslie Hope

Leslie Townes Hope was born May 29, 1903 in Eltham, London, England, the fifth of seven sons. His father, William Henry Hope, was a stonemason and his Welsh mother, Avis Townes, was a light opera singer who later worked as a cleaning woman.



The Hope family, circa 1906. Leslie is standing in the front center.

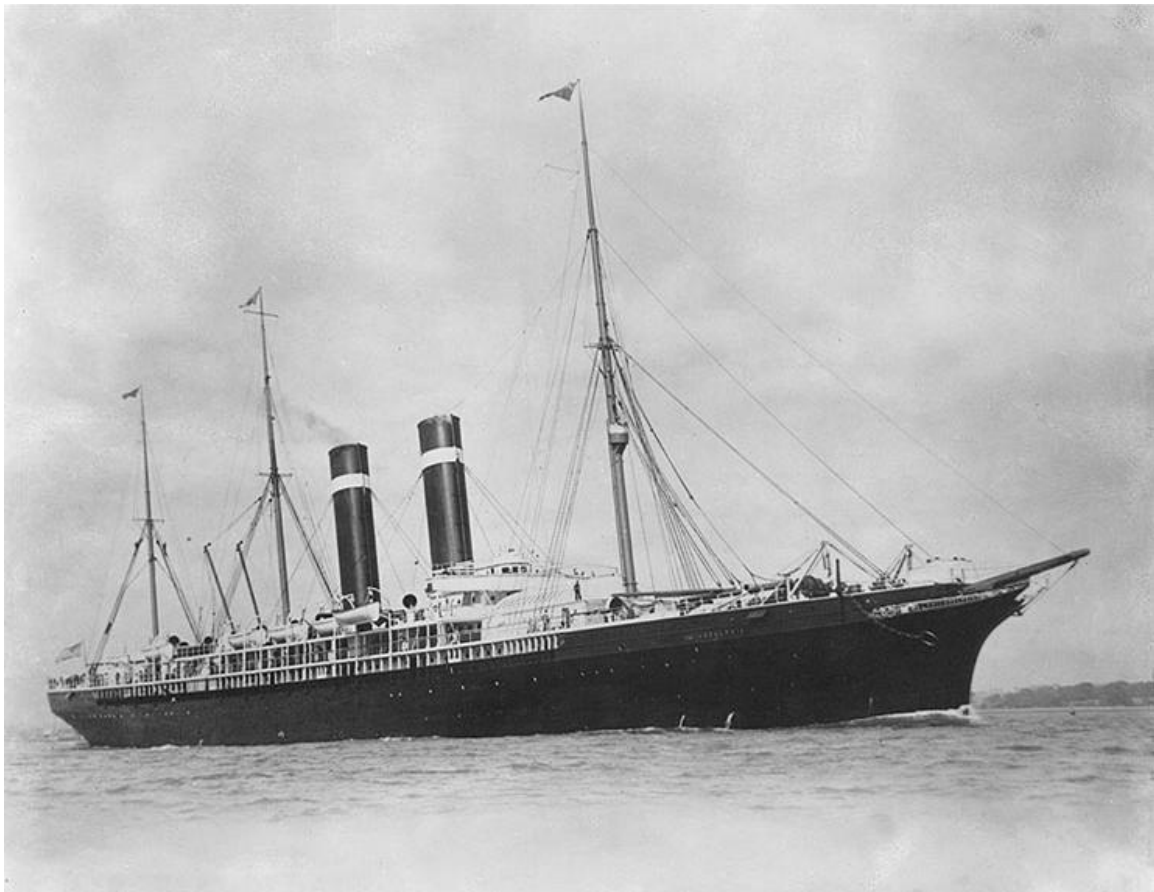
Leslie described his family's reason for coming to America: "my father was a mason, and he had a job possibility in Cleveland." The family made their way to Southampton, England preparing for the Atlantic crossing to New York and received their vaccinations, a

standard practice designed to help prevent any outbreak of disease aboard ship.

Years later, Leslie described his reaction as a four-year old boy unhappy with the inoculations:

"Everybody was lined up to be vaccinated. I was only two away from getting the scratch when I decided that I didn't like it. I headed a Keystone-cop chase around the decks with everybody after me. They finally cornered me and scraped me with the scalpel."

The family immigrated to the United States aboard the SS *Philadelphia*, pictured below, passed inspection at Ellis Island on March 30, 1908, and then settled in Cleveland, Ohio.



SALOON, CABIN, AND STEERAGE ALIENS MUST BE COMPLETELY MANIFESTED.

LIST OR MANIFEST OF ALIEN PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES

Required by the regulations of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor of the United States, under Act of Congress approved February 20, 1907, to be delivered

S. S. "Philadelphia" sailing from Southampton March 21, 1908

No.	Name in Full	Age	Sex	Rank	Calling or Occupation	Religion	Nationality	Place or People	Last Permanent Residence	The name and complete address of nearest relative or friend in country whence alien came	Final Destination
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	Wiley	27	M		Engineer		English	England	England	London	at Albany
2	Stachurski	27	M		Engineer		Polish	Poland	Poland	London	at Albany
3	Stachurski	27	M		Engineer		Polish	Poland	Poland	London	at Albany
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14	Stachurski	27	M		Engineer		Polish	Poland	Poland	London	at Albany
15	Stachurski	27	M		Engineer		Polish	Poland	Poland	London	at Albany
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*Instead of showing occupations of tourists and aliens in transit, state in column 6 whether they are "tourists" or "in transit."
 "Race or People" is to be determined by the words from which alien speaks and the language they speak. List of races will be found on back of this sheet.

The S.S. Philadelphia's manifest shows the family's information, including Leslie on line 13, but their name is misspelled as Hape

THIS SHEET IS FOR STEERAGE PASSENGERS.

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STATES IMMIGRATION OFFICER AT PORT OF ARRIVAL.

to the United States Immigration Officer by the Commanding Officer of any vessel having such passengers on board upon arrival at a port in the United States.

Arriving at Port of New York March 29th, 1908.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY NATURALIZATION ACT APPROVED JUNE 10, 1906.												
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
No. of Passenger.	By whom sent.	Whether ever before in the United States, and if so, when and where?	Whether going to join a relative or friend, and if so, what relative or friend, and his name and complete address.	Whether a Passenger, Steerage or Cabin.	Condition of Health, Mental and Physical.	Deformed or Cripple.	Height, Nature, length of time, and cause.	Color of Skin.	Color of Hair.	Color of Eyes.	Marks of Identification.	Place of Birth, Country, City or Town.
1					American Citizen							
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5					James H. Wilson, Jr., 115 St. James St., New York, N.Y.							
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The second page of the Philadelphia's manifest contains more information provided by the Hope family, including Leslie on line 13

An indifferent student in school, Hope said he kept the truant officer busy and joked that he wrote so many test answers on his sleeve, "my shirt graduated two years before I did." From the age of 12, Leslie earned money to help the family through a variety of odd jobs: delivering and selling newspapers, working games at an amusement park, and selling shoes, but his favorite was entertaining. He would perform singing, dancing and comedy routines on street corners to make extra money. In 1929, as his entertainment career was beginning to take off, Leslie changed his name to "Bob."

Bob Hope achieved great success as a comedian and actor, and appeared in vaudeville, on Broadway, and in radio, television and movies. Hope appeared in the film The Big Broadcast of 1938 and sang the song later to become his trademark, "Thanks for the Memory." Bob Hope gained worldwide fame starring in a series of seven comedy films referred to as "Road pictures." The movies were a combination of adventure, comedy, romance, and music. Later, Hope hosted the Academy Awards ceremony 18 times.



Bob Hope spend much of his life travelling to faraway lands to entertain American troops in U.S.O. shows, like the one pictured here

Bob Hope was also noted for his work with the US Armed Forces and his numerous USO tours entertaining American military personnel. Hope's 1970 and 1971 Christmas specials for NBC, filmed in Vietnam in front of military audiences at the height of the war, are both among the 30 most watched U.S. telecasts of all time. Throughout his career, he was honored for his humanitarian work. In 1996, the U.S. Congress honored Bob Hope by declaring him the "first and only honorary veteran of the U.S. armed forces." He remarked, "I've been given many awards in my lifetime - but to be numbered among the men and women I admire most - is the greatest honor I have ever received." Bob Hope died in 2003, shortly after his 100th birthday.